Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is there such a rule in the Trichur Civil Hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the necessity of such a rule at Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The Honorary visitors of the General Hospital suggested that such a procedure should be adopted here.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: When is the time for giving such a pass? Is it at the time of admitting the patient?

Rao Shaib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Passes are issued at the time of admitting patients to the Hospitals.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Who issue the passes.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The Civil Surgeon.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: How many passes are issued at a time.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Two.

TRICHUR CIVIL HOSPITAL—ATTENDANCE OF DOCTORS

33. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any time is fixed in the Trichur Civil Hospital for the attendance of doctors;

(*b*) if fixed, what is the time;

(*c*) whether the time fixed is scrupulously observed by the doctors?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verhgese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know the Hon'ble Member for medicine has enquired into the matter whether the time fixed is scrupulously observed by the Doctors.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)* I have, Sir.

Mr. M. Krishna Menona *(Trichur-North)*: Will you kindly make an enquiry whether on 8th Vrischigam 1119 all the Doctors were in the hospital in time.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes, I will make a note of it.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE—CANDIDATES SELECTED

34. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to give a caste-wor list of the candidates selected from the State for the Auxiliary Nursing Service?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Selection of candidates for A.N.S. is made directly by the Lady District Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Overseas, Madras, and as such particulars of the candidates selected are not available here.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE GENERAL AND CIVIL HOSPITAL

35 Mr. T. A. Ramachanda Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many special departments are there in the General Hospital, Ernakulam and the Civil Hospital, Trichur, and what are they;

(*b*) how many of these are in charge of paid Assistant Surgeons and how many in charge of Honorary Assistant Surgeons;

(*c*) being specialists why are some paid and some honorary;

(*d*) for how many years has the senior-most Honorary Assistant Surgeon been in service;

(*e*) has any junior to him been appointed as specialist in the department;

(*f*) why was not a paid specialist appointed for eye section in Trichur Hospital;

(*g*) what are the qualifications of the specialist in the department;

(*h*) the number of cases treated during last year and the number of operations done in the Opthalmic section of the Trichur Hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) **General Hospital**—(4) Dental, Ear, Nose and Throat, X-ray and laboratory.

Civil Hospital—(3) Dental, Eye and Tuberculosis.

(*b*) All are in charge of paid Medical Officers except the eye section in the Civil Hospital, which is in charge of an Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

(*c*) There is no rule that all those who work in special departments should be on paid cadre.

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(*d*) Ten years and 10 months.
(*e*) Yes.
(*f*) Because there was an Honorary Assistant Surgeon doing this work satisfactorily.
(*g*) Please see list appended. *(Appendix II)*
(*h*) Civil Hospital—Eye department

In-patients	54
Out-patients	13825
Operations	916

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there is any rule that no pay or allowance or honorarium can be paid to an Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then why not give some honorarium to the Honorary Assistant Surgeon who works satisfactorily.

I want an answer, Sir.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Nobody will be unwilling to accept an allowance.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Don't the Government think that the Opthalmic Surgeon of Trichur is doing very heavy work in the Civil Hospital.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* He came in as an honorary officer.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Don't the Government think that he is doing very heavy work.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Not exactly heavy work, but he is doing his work satisfactorily.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know where this gentleman with 10 years and 10 months practice working at present.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* At Kolinjampara.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Was there not a X-Ray Department in the Civil Hospital at Trichur?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is there still one at Trichur?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is it not attached to the T. B. Clinic?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The T. B. Clinic forms part of the Civil Hospital?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is there any specialist?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Surgeon in charge of the T. B. Clinic attends to this.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know how many years of service the Honorary Surgeon who is in charge of the Eye Department in Trichur has put in.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* 10 years and 2 months.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South):* Is there special treatment on X-Ray in the Civil Hospital, Trichur?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As a matter of fact Trichur had a small unit but it had to be removd. But when the tuberculosis clinic was started we supplied the clinic with a very good set and X Ray work is being done there.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South):* Are there equal facilities for other patients also in the T. B Clinic?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Perhaps there is no equal facility.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South):* Considering the requirements of Trcihur Town is it not advisable to have an X-Ray block there.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Government would think it advisable. But X-Ray Units are not available now?

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South):* Are we to take it Sir, that if the present X-Ray system breaks down we will have to go without an X-Ray Unit.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I am afraid I cannot give any definite answer.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഒപ്പ് തോമസിക്കു് ഡോക്ടർമാർ ഓണറി വക്കിന്ന വരുന്നുണ്ടെന്ന പറഞ്ഞു. അതുപോലെ എത്രപേരെ ഓണറി ഡാക്ടർമാരായി വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

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Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഓപ്തോമിക്കു് ഡോക്ടർമാർ ഓണറി വർക്കിനു വരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു; അതുപോലെയുള്ള എത്രപേരെ ഓണറി ഡാക്ടർമാരായി എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്? ഓപ്തോമിക്കു് ഹോസ്പിറലിൽ ഓണറി ഡോക്ടർമാരെ മാത്രമെ വെക്കാൻ പാടുള്ളു എന്നുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഡാക്ടർ ടി വർഗ്ഗീസ്സ്: അങ്ങിനെയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അവക്കു ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു വല്ല ആലോചനയുമുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഡാക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്സ്: ഇപ്പോൾ ആലോചനയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഓപ്തോമിക്കു് ഹോസ്പിറലിൽ പെയിഡു് ഡാക്ടർ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുവോ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഡാക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്സ്: ഇല്ല.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know to which hospital the X-Ray of the Civil Hospital was removed.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: It was taken to the Ernakulam General Hospital.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know Sir, whether there is any criterion by which Government decided that some people should be paid and some sould not be paid.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Those people who come on an honorary basis do not get any pay. Those recruited on a paid cadre get their pay.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പത്തുകൊല്ലത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ സർവ്വീസുള്ള ഓണറി ഡോക്ടർമാരെ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സർവ്വീസിലേക്കു എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്സ്: ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കാം; തീർച്ചപറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമപത്രയർ: ഇല്ല എന്നു പറയാമോ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്സ്: അതും വയ്യാ.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know Sir, what is the length of the honorary service of the successful and satisfactorily working Eye Specialist at Trichur?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: 10 years and 2 months, he entered service on 31st Karkadagam 1108.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Have any honorary Doctors, Sir, have, during these ten years been taken to paid cadre ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Many ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: A few.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know Sir, why the case of this Doctor who is admitted to be doing satisfactory work was not considered for being promoted to the paid cadre.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: In a vast majority of cases only seniors to him have been recruited and in this case the Surgeon was unwilling to be recruited to the ordinary grade.

DR. K. B. MENON'S ARREST—PARTICULARS REGARDING

36. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the attention of Government had been drawn to the article in the Daily Edition of the "Mathrubhoomi," dated 10th Mithunam 1118 under the caption "Dr. K. B. Menon's arrest—further details";

(*b*) are not the allegations contained therein true;

(*c*) was it right for the Cochin Police to have acted in the manner alleged in the article in question;

(*d*) was the Commissioner of Police (Cochin) camping on 20th June 1943 at Cheruthuruthi;

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in other countries only noon-day feeding had been started by the generous public. There are in the field voluntary associations with large amounts of funds at their disposal. Here we have no such charitable bodies who have been doing this work of noon-day feeding and the entire cost and the brunt of the task will have to be borne by the Government. We have reason to think that generous contributions can be expected from philanthropic people and we have also reason to think that with this contribution of one-third of the total expenditure from Government, it may be possible to work the scheme.

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

N. S. RADHAKRISHNA SARMA
Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX I

(Please see question No. 21)

1.	Assistant Superintendent	..	1 @ Rs. 120	Rs. 120
2.	Medical Officer	..	1 @ Rs. 150	Rs. 150
3.	Unit Commander	..	4 @ Rs. 100	Rs. 400
4.	Do.	..	2 @ Rs. 75	Rs. 150
5.	Supervisors	..	21 @ Rs. 50	Rs. 1,050
6.	Sardars	..	47 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 1,410
7.	Maistries	..	28 @ Rs. 20	Rs. 560
8.	Compounders	..	2 @ Rs. 40	Rs. 80
9.	Surveyor	..	1 @ Rs. 60	Rs. 60
10.	Hospital servant	..	1 @ Rs. 11	Rs. 11
11.	Office establishment.—			
	Head clerk	..	1 @ Rs. 64	Rs. 64
	Accountant	..	1 @ Rs. 44	Rs. 44
	Clerk	..	1 @ Rs. 25	Rs. 25
	Typist	..	1 @ Rs. 37	Rs. 37
12.	Peons.—(3 office peons, 1 for the Assistant Superintendent, and 6 for the Unit Commanders)	..	10 @ Rs. 11	Rs. 110
13.	Clerks of the Unit Commanders	..	3 @ Rs. 40	Rs. 120
			4 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 120
14.	Seed Purchasing Maistry	..	1 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 30
				Rs. 4,541

APPENDIX II

(Please see question No. 35)

List

Dental	..	L.D.S., R.C.S.
X-ray	..	D.M.R.
Eye	..	L.O.
Laboratory	..	Training in the Tropical School of medicine, Calcutta
Tuberculosis	..	A course of training in the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium
Ear, Nose and Throat	..	A course of training at Bangalore

APPENDIX III

The Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, It is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—This Act may be called the Cochin Payment of Wages (Amendment) Act of 111 and shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 2.*—In section 2 of the Cochin Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, for sub-clause (c) of clause (ii) the following shall be substituted, namely.—

"inland vessel propelled by steam, electricity or other mechanical power;"

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